

**Tennessee
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**Mopar
Club**

Tennessee Valley Mopar Club March 2010 Newsletter

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2010 General membership Meeting Schedule

Location: Optimist Club 703 Oakwood Ave, Huntsville, Al

16 Jan	17 Jul
20 Feb	21 Aug
20 Mar	18 Sep
17 Apr	16 Oct
15 May	20 Nov
19 June Annual Show- <i>N</i> -Go	TBD Dec Xmas Dinner

ROAD TRIP:

The club is traveling to the Wellborn Muscle Car Museum in Alexander City on Saturday March 27th. Here's the list of attendees so far:

Roy & Nick Gronau
Lennie Schrimsher
Bill Woosley
Merv & Jasmine Hudson
Robert, Daisy, & Grant Glover
Cliff & Stella Broderick
Bob Bentley
Scott, Gage, & Garrett Homolka

We will discuss the logistics of carpooling down there at our Saturday meeting March 20th.

2010 Show Events

20 March 2010

Jeff's Muffler Shop, South Memorial Parkway
Huntsville, AL
6-10PM - Contact: Jeff - 256-882-2090

20 March 2010

Piedmont Throttle Kings 4th Annual Car Show
Piedmont, Alabama
Fagan Park Downtown
8-2PM - Info: Steve 256-447-3041

26 March 2010

Inaugural Nitto Tire NMRA Peach State nationals
Atlanta Dragway, Commerce, GA

27 March 2010

9th Annual Car Show
JF Drake State Technical College Parking Lot
3421 Meridian St. N, Huntsville, Alabama
9-3PM - Info: 256-551-3143 or email scotty.mclaughlin@drakestate.edu

27 March 2010

1st Annual Law Dogs MC Car, Bike & Truck Show - Old Food Max Parking Lot
1615 Quintard Ave
Anniston, Alabama
8 -3PM - Info: Richard Appleton 256-405-5704

3 April 2010

Turman Classic Mopar Parts Collection Auction
180 Browning Drive
Paris, TN
10am Info: 731-247-3784 or www.dougtayloracution.com

10 April 2010

Café 302 Cruise-in
2700 Winchester Rd NE # A
Huntsville, AL
6-9PM

10 April 2010
13th Annual All Ford Fun Day Car Show
Eckenrod Ford
Cullman, Alabama
8-4PM - Info: 256-734-3661

10 April 2010
CBI Performance 2nd automotive swap meet & outdoor car corral
13750 Mooresville Road, Huntsville, Alabama
7-4PM - Info: 256-233-8602

17 April 2010
Panther Pit Car Show
Discovery Middle School, 1304 Hughes Road
Madison, AL
7-3PM

17 April 2010
7th Annual Vets with Vettes & Corvette Owners Charity event
Bridge Street Town Center
Huntsville, Alabama
9-2PM

17 April 2010
Car Show and Auction sponsored by the Women of the Moose
Cullman Moose Lodge grounds
1729 Eva Road
Cullman, Alabama
Info: chapter1318@mooseunits.org or 256-287-1197

17 April 2010
9th Annual Klassic Kruisers Car Show & Swap Meet
City Hall, New Site, Alabama
8 am to 2 pm - Info: Aaron Perry 256-234-6024

24 April 2010
3rd Annual Cars on the Square Car Show
Athens, Alabama
Bland Allen 256-603-1227 watters@ardmore.net

23-25 April 2010
12th Annual Pontiac Fiero Swap Meet & Flea Market
Fiero Factory, Toney, Alabama
8:30- 5PM - Info: 256-420-5391

24 April 2010
Cruis'n For A Cure
Joe Wheeler EMC's Annual Antique & Classic Car, Truck & Motorcycle
Trinity, Alabama
Info: Kenneth Hanvy 256-303-1370

24 April 2010
Webb Wheel Productions Poker Run
Cullman, Alabama
9 am to 2 pm - Info: Mike 256-775-7545 or www.webbwheel.com/relay4life.html
For flyer: <http://www.webbwheel.com/fundraising.html>

24 April 2010
2nd Annual Cody Renfroe Rod Run
Crossville City Park, Hwy 68, Crossville, Alabama
10-2 PM - Info: Rickey Gray 256-659-8352

24 April 2010
Town of Munford 4th Annual Car Show
Jack's Hamburgers
Munford, Alabama
8-2PM- Info: 256-358-4888 or 256-454-6858

24 April 2010
12th Annual Open Car & Tractor show
Wedowee Kiwanis Park
Wedowee, Alabama
8 am to 2 pm - Info: James Brown 256-396-0915

24 April 2010
2nd annual Chick-Fil-A 50's night
In front of the Mall, Beltline Road, Decatur, Alabama
5-9pm - Info: Carl at 1968cuda@gmail.com

30 Apr 2010
36th Annual NSRA Street Rod Nationals South
Chilhowee Park, Knoxville, TN
Info: www.nsra-usa.com

8 May 2010
Café 302 Cruise-in
2700 Winchester Rd NE # A
Huntsville, AL
6-9PM

8 May 2010
4th Annual Wounded Warriors Car & Bike Show
Serra Toyota of Decatur on the Beltline
(rain date: May 15th)
8-4PM - Info: 256-340-0330

8 May 2010-03-04
3rd Annual Spring Festival & Car Show
Trinity, Alabama
10-6PM - Info: Scott Owens 256-221-7232

15 May 2010
Jeff's Muffler Shop, South Memorial Parkway
Huntsville, AL
6-10PM - **Contact:** Jeff - 256-882-2090

15 May 2010
1st Annual Classic Car & Truck Round-up
Morgan County Sheriff's Posse Ground
Hartselle, AL
Info: tjbj@centurytel.net or kyoung@woodment.org

15 May 2010 (Rain Date June 5th)
Pineview Baptist Church 5th Annual Car & Motorcycle Show
5614 Highway 53, Harvest, Alabama
8am-2pm - Info: Church 852-9571

21-23 May 2010
5th Nashville Goodguys Nationals
Titan Stadium, Nashville, TN
Info: <http://www.good-guys.com/events/eventsList.aspx?year=2010>

29 May 2010
Alabama Jubilee Auto Expo
Point Mallard Park, Decatur, Alabama
Friday night early registration and cookout 6 pm to 8 pm
8:30-3PM - Info: Gary Fulmer 256-353-3104

12 June 2010
Old Courtland Air Base Car Show
Courtland, Alabama
Open to all rides this year
8-2PM - Info: Doug Poole 256-773-9652 or Roger Dyer 256-318-3960

12 June 2010
Talladega Speedway Infield
Spring Classic Car Show
7 am to 5 pm for car show participants
9 am to 5 pm for general public - Info: - 1-877-GO2-DEGA

19 June 2010
12th Annual Tennessee Valley Mopar Club Show and Go
Huntsville Dragway
Quarter Mountain Road
Harvest, Al

19 June 2010
2nd Annual Rollin On The River Car Show
Decatur, Al
Info: www.morganhabitat.org

9-10 July 2010
23rd annual Greater Tenn. Valley Antique Car Show
Point Mallard Water Park, Decatur Alabama
Begins Friday from noon till 5:00pm and Saturday from 7:00am till 12:00 noon. Show will be over around 3:00pm.
Contact Persons are Doug Poole 256-773-9652 cell. 256-303-4762 and Charles Adams 256-350-3383
Point Mallard E-mail Address: www.pointmallardpark.com

17 July 2010
Landers/McLarty Annual Car & Bike Show
Huntsville, Al
Info: Tonya Ricks 256-698-0681 or 256-830-6450

7 Aug 2010
12th Annual Snead Town Picnic & Car Show
Hwy 278 Snead, AL
Info: www.crossroads-cruisers.com

4 Sept 2010
5th Annual Just Kruzin' for the Boy's Ranch Fundraiser Show
Old Kirby Road, Danville, Alabama
9-3PM - Info: Just Kruzin of North Alabama
<http://www.justkruzinofnorthalabama.zoomshare.com/>

4 Sept 2010
Fairview Church of the Nazarene Annual Car Truck and Tractor show
Cullman, Alabama
Info: Fairview Church of the Nazarene @ 256-796-7667

Editor's Rant

Look around you. What makes the Mopar crowd so hard core? I've never been a loyal fan of one of the big three. I've owned Chevys, Fords, and Mopars and of course commute in one of those famous foreign "chick" cars to work every day – AND I H8 it.

Commuter, Commuter, Commuter

It's all you ever hear anymore. Commuter this, Commuter that, Commuter wore a funny hat.

Driving a chick car sucks. A man's car like a Camaro, Corvette, Challenger or any ole muscle car is what I'm talk'n about. Please don't lump those fake muscle cars or trucks into this rant. And by fake, I mean those leather-laden Lexuses, Chargers, turbo crapolla rice burners, Hemi Trucks and big fat Escalades. They're about as fun as Al Gore and his private aircraft.

No, I mean "30 miles per gallon" cars. The ones that pack the entertainment value of a Post-it. The ones that suck the car down to its basic intent: transportation. A to B, slow like. Nothing, No cool, No smiles. No looking at it in your driveway because it's fun to just look at it in your driveway.

Screw that. The car can and should be so much more. You should want it to be more. You should want your car. You should want to be in your car. Desire it! That's the word I'm looking for. Does anybody really desire a Yaris? You remember desire, don't you? How about covet? Yearn for? Crave? Of course not! It's the soy milk of the car world. You drink it because some doctor convinced you you're lactose-intolerant and now 6 months later you've convinced yourself that it tastes good. But it doesn't. It's a mind game. It still tastes like chalk and you know it. Put the Lactaid down, Eujean. Have a Coke, Life's too short!

I know, I know, they're good on gas and gas is expensive. Hey, jughead (talk'n to myself here), anything worth having is expensive. A good car. A good house. A hot wife. PlayStation. HDTV. Table service. You pay for what you get in this world and if you want to live a good life, it costs money.

But the people who have them love 'em. Heck, the Toyota Prius is so popular; Toyota is upping production as fast as it can. Just last week the automaker announced it will produce 70 percent more Prius hybrids this year. And in 2010 Prius production will move to a new production facility in Mississippi.

Too bad popularity is not a measure of good or fun for that matter. Never has been. Millions of people watch Grey's Anatomy. Millions more smoke menthol. Last year a ridiculous number of people paid to see Celine Dion in concert. No thanks!

What about the environment? What about it? The best thing you can do for the environment is drive the car you have.

You heard me. The fact is, it takes thousands of factories to build a car. Think about it. The tires, the steel, the rubber, the aluminum, the plastics, the seats; every individual component of a car is made somewhere else before it is trucked to the assembly plant where it's built into a car. In the case of the Toyota Prius, that plant is in Tsutsumi, Japan.

And if that car is a hybrid it takes even more factories and even more trucks because the car is now that much more complex. There's an electric motor, batteries, etc.

Then of course, they ship them to America on a big smelly ship. Talk about a gas guzzler.

But if we all just continued to drive the car we have, then we can shut down all those dirty factories that build all those new cars. And if we do that, we can stop all the trucks and the ships that transport all those new cars to those new car dealers. And then all those new car dealers can turn off their lights and the employees can stop driving their cars to work. And so on. And so on. And so on.

Sure we'll all be in bottomless economic depression, but if you want to be green, then let's be freakin' green.

Bottom line, get over it. Get over this small car fixation. Drive the car you desire. Whether it's new or old, drive it and enjoy it. Enjoy driving. Pay for the gas. It's worth it. Cut something else from your life if you have to. It may not be politically correct, but it's the right thing to do.

I WILL BE DRIVING MY JAVELIN EVERY DAY in 2011 – I hate this POC Yaris and what it does to my driving ego!

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Gronau

If you have items listed here that are no longer available or wanted, shoot me an email roy.k.gronau@boeing.com so I can update for next month's newsletter.

Preliminary Volunteer Requirements for 2010 Show

These have not been discussed and are only provided for club members to get an idea of what help is required based upon last year's requirements.

2010 Show Volunteer's Required For The Following Spots		
Activity	Time	Volunteers
Set Up Mopar Village	6am Start	Lennie Schrimsher; Clif Broderick; George Moore, John Burnham, Doug Eagan; Bob Glover; Ben Glover; Tony Hill; Jud Hudson, Mervin Hudson; Roy Gronau Tony Hill to bring TVMC Trailer and check out supplies (clip board etc) Mervin Hudson bring cement blocks and tables and chairs cooler; chips etc Tony Hill or Bob Glover to pick up Pete Shreeves stanchions Need to get generator from Marcia and make sure it runs – John Burnham/Tony Hill
Entry Fee Collections	8-10am 10-12pm 12-1:30pm	Clif will provide seed money for 6 aprons – \$60 dollars
Parking		
Registration	8am Start	Clif will provide seed money for participants that now want to race - \$60.00
Car Classifier		
Racing Czar	10am Start	
Judges		Bob Glover; Tony Hill; John Burnham; Roy Gronau
T-Shirt Sales	8am Start	Joyce Eagan; Marcia Snellen; Jasmine Hudson - Clif will provide seed money \$100.00
50/50 Ticket Sales		Everyone at Registration table sell them (2 Plastic Containers in trailer - one for the T-Shirt Table one for Registration Table) Clif will provide seed money 20 each \$1.00 for each container.
Raffle Ticket Sales		Everyone at Registration table sell them (2 Plastic Jugs in trailer - one on the registration table one for the T-Shirt Table) Clif will provide seed money – 20 each \$1.00 for each container.
Trophies		
Photos		Doug Eagan
Award Ceremony		
Tear Down		Lennie Schrimsher; Clif Broderick; George Moore, John Burnham, Doug Eagan; Bob Glover; Ben Glover; Tony Hill; Jud Hudson, Mervin Hudson; Roy Gronau

For Sale

John Bynum is parting out 69 Coronet 2 door (not a lot left, good rear glass, some trim good rear bumper core with guards) 66 Monaco 2dr 383, auto/console car, 71-72 Chargers, 80's RWD Fifth Avenues, other cars & have some 73-74 Road runner parts. 1980 VW Diesel Pickup for sale & 3 diesel rabbits included for spare parts. Also, for sale a Ludwig Hollywood Blue Oyster Pearl Drum set circa 1970, good shape with cases. He may be reached at 931-967-4499 or by email at johnwbynum@bellsouth.net

Rockey Rozell has the following 69 Barracuda hood - \$50 (will fit 72 Dart); 68 Roadrunner grille - \$75; 68/69 deck led and hood for Roadrunner/Satellite \$50 each, Contact Rockey at 497-0110 or email: rrrgtx4404@aol.com

Robert Lewis has a 1967 440 with 727 Torqflite. The engine and transmission are a numbers matching set. The engine is date coded 10-66 for any of you looking for a date correct power train set up for your project. The engine still has standard bores and is complete minus the carburetor, distributor, and valve covers. Price is \$1500.00 negotiable. Robert can be reached at 256-603-5134 or robert.g.lewis@us.army.mil Price: Only \$1500
Comes with - 440 Engine (worked, pulled from a 74' Monaco from the Alabama Blue's Brothers), many, many parts (the same ones that came with the car when I bought it) - some already restored), new trunk pans, a useable 68' taillight panel, truck lock support and so on.

Fran Cunningham –Eight pallets of Valiant, Dart, & Barracuda “A” body parts for 63 thru 66 Slant Six engine & body parts. Also, three parts cars. Contact Fran at 920 Toney Dr SE, Huntsville, AL 35802-1121 Home 256-881-5980 Cell 256-651-9461

Ed Downing – One set of B-body door glass and rear quarter glass for sale (\$100)

Scott. Homolka - Needs a radiator for a 73 Dart. Not sure the interchangeability is the same for all “A” bodies. Also for sale for \$100, he has a 273, non HP, from a '66 barracuda. I have the block, heads (without valve train), crank, rods with pistons, and a few miscellaneous pieces. Phone number is 256-755-7131.

Wanted:

John Lecler - Needs a radiator for his 65 Barracuda (273 auto with factory ac)